THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. wo works viz. Manmad-Parli-Vaijnath and Parbhani-Mudkhed-Adilabad conversions are approved.

(b) Approximately Rs. 10.94 crores

(c) Work is physically taken up between Manmad-Aurangabad. Progress of this section is 36 per cent.

(d) Rs. 6 crores upto 1987-88. Allocation in 1988-89 and 1989-90 will depend on annual plan allocations for gauge conversions for these years.

(e) This will depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

Air service between Hyderabad and New Delhi via Nanded

1146. SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce air service between Hyderabad and New Delhi *via* Nanded;

(b) if so, when this service is likely to start; and

(c) whether the existing air-strip at Nanded airport is suitable for the Boeing flight?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Cancer deaths in India

1147. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any survey of the number of persons who die every year due to cancer;

(b) if so, the estimated number of such deaths due to cancer every year;

(c) whether any breakthrough has so far been made in the country in the research regarding the medical disgnosis and treatment of different types of cancer; and

(d) if not, whether Government proposes to strengthen and update the diagnostic system and treatment techniques of cancer patient in the light of development in other advanced countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) No survey has been made to find out number of persons who die every year due to cancer, but the number of deaths recorded in specialised Cancer Hospital in the country during the year 1984 and 1985 were 20981 and 1481 respectively.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) A national Cancer Control Programme has been launched in India for primary prevention of cancer, diagnosis and treatment and distribution and extension of services through Regional Cancer Centres and Medical Colleges. Non-governmental organisations have also been involved in the programme. Realising that one third of the cancers are preventable and another one third of the cancer can be cured with a high percentage of survival if detected early, the emphasis of cancer research has been on primary prevention of tobacco related cancer and secondary prevention of cancer of uterine cervix. The preventive measures include educating the masses,statutory warning on cigarettee packets and advertisements promulgation laws by several State Governments prohibiting smoking in closed areas like cinemas, buses, educational institutions, hospitals etc.